

REMARKS

In response to the Restriction Requirement dated April 14, 1998, the following remarks are respectfully submitted in connection with the above-identified application.

The Examiner has required election in the present application between:

Invention I, claims 1-9 and 18, drawn to a subcombination, classified in Class 248, subclass 346.01; and

Invention II, claims 10-17, drawn to a subcombination, classified in Class 108, subclass 51.11.

For the purpose of examination of the present application, Applicants elect, without traverse, the above Invention II, claims 10-17.

Should there be any outstanding matters that need to be resolved in the present application, the Examiner is respectfully requested to contact Maki Hatsumi, Registration No 40,417 at the telephone number of the undersigned below, to conduct an interview in an effort to expedite prosecution in connection with the present application.

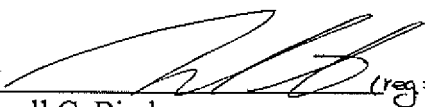
☐ Attached is a Petition for Extension of Time.

☐ Attached hereto is the fee transmittal listing the required fees.

If necessary, the Commissioner is hereby authorized in this, concurrent, and future replies, to charge payment or credit any overpayment to our Deposit Account No. 02-2448 for any additional fees required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.16 or under § 1.17; particularly, extension of time fees.

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Respectfully submitted,

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